



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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Mr. Jose Villarreal  
Gore-Lieberman, Inc.  
P.O. Box 33159  
Washington, DC 20033

Dear Mr. Villarreal:

In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Federal Election Commission discovered that Gore-Lieberman, Inc. and you, as treasurer, may have accepted prohibited contributions from a labor organization. Specifically, information before the Commission showed that the Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters ("KSDCC") made in-kind contributions to Gore-Lieberman, Inc. in 2000.

KSDCC made in-kind contributions by requiring its paid employees, known as field representatives, to provide services for Gore-Lieberman, Inc. that were directed to the general public. These services may have included posting campaign signs, participating in precinct walks, operating phone banks, distributing handbills, and attending campaign rallies, debates, and press conferences. Field representatives performed these services as part of their official job responsibilities for the union.

The Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, prohibits any person from knowingly accepting a contribution from a labor organization. See 2 U.S.C. § 441b. The Commission admonishes you that Gore-Lieberman, Inc.'s actions appear to violate the Act. Gore-Lieberman, Inc. and you, as treasurer, should take action to prevent such violations from occurring in the future. If you have any questions, please contact Brant Levine, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1572.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel

BY:

  
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